

# LOWELL VOICE

Newsletter of the **L**owell Neighborhood **C**ivic **A**ssociation

March 16, 2015

## \*\*\* ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*\*

### Neighborhood Meeting

March 16, 2015, 7 PM - 9 PM

- 7:00 - 7:10** Police Report  
**7:10 - 7:15** Adopt Agenda and Minutes  
**7:15 - 7:45** Speaker-Casey Davis  
**7:45 - 8:15** Book Launch  
**8:15 - 8:45** Summer plans-Lowell Days  
**8:45 - 9:00** Good of the Order/Announcements

**Location: Everett Gospel Mission House**  
**2222-52<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**Purpose:** The principle objectives and purposes of the **Lowell Civic Association** are:

- A.** To encourage neighborhood participation in attaining goals as set by the democratic process of the Association's membership.
- B.** To be the official Lowell neighborhood organization for any and all matters related to the Lowell neighborhood.
- C.** To identify neighborhood concerns and to establish priorities.
- D.** To serve as an advocate and representative voice to seek resolution of neighborhood concerns and issues.
- E.** To develop proposals to finance additional neighborhood services and facilities.

### Executive Committee

<b>Chair:</b>	Kathy Miller	258-5072
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Jackie Minchew	238-8657
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ken Carlson	355-6664
<b>Secretary:</b>	Megan Dunn	252-6265
<b>Neighborhood Representative:</b>	Elly Smith	330-5096
<b>Historical:</b>	Gail Chism	258-9381
<b>Mini Grants:</b>	Megan Dunn	252-6265

***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." --Margaret Mead***

**A GREAT COMMUNITY IS AN INVOLVED COMMUNITY – LET'S BE GREAT THIS YEAR**

[www.everettwa.org/neighborhood](http://www.everettwa.org/neighborhood)

## From the Chair

**Hello Lowell Residents and Business owners!** This has been a whirlwind start to the 2015 year. We are seeing many new Lowell faces at our meetings and we would love to have even more at our March meeting.

We are busy planning an amazing, fun-filled year in Lowell. One of the most exciting events is the publication of the historical book "150 Years of Lowell History". This 3 year project was created by our own historical chairperson Gail Chism and editor/historical researcher Karen Redfield. The book is now available for purchase through several options (talk to Gail about purchasing) and we are celebrating with a Book Party.

This summer is going to bring many surprises. Could "Lowell Days" be coming back this year? If you want to learn more about these events, help to plan them and/or volunteer to help at the events, attend our March

LCA meeting - they are fun and informational. If you live in Lowell or have a business here, then this is your chance to become more involved.

**Special speaker this month is Casey Davis, manager of small business development with Economic Alliance Snohomish County.** She focuses on increasing their reach within the small business community. As a non-profit organization, the goal of the Economic Alliance is to be a catalyst for economic vitality. Casey will be talking about the many resources for business owners and for anyone looking for opportunities to interact within their community and surrounding area. This topic is being directed at the Lowell business owners. Whether or not you also live in Lowell, you are an important part of our community and we want to encourage you to participate. Hope to see you at this March meeting.

Did you know that Public Works repaired blockage to a 24 inch drain pipe located below 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and running eastward toward Lowell Park? The blockage was causing drainage failure and backups in front of the homes on the west side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Thanks to the city of Everett for watching out for us.

A community is the people who live in it. History is the events those who lived in the community created.

**Kathy Miller, LCA Chairperson**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Book Launch!**

The Lowell Book Launch/Celebration will take place on Saturday, March 28 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Historic Lowell Church (River of Life Church), 5218 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave in Lowell. Doors open @2:30pm. Historian David Dilgard will present a slide show featuring images of old Lowell, followed by a Question & Answer period and sharing of stories.

Lowell's newly published book, *150 Years of Lowell History*, will be available for purchase for \$25. See an extensive display of Lowell Artifacts. Cake & other delicious goodies will be available after the program. See old friends and meet new ones. Bring your family and invite your friends to this FREE family fun event. Sales from the book will go towards LCA's general fund.

Please share this information with family, friends, & everyone interested in Local & Snohomish Co. History. Contact Gail Chism at 425-258-9381 or [jamchism@yahoo.com](mailto:jamchism@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **LOWELL Days PLANNING Begins**

**Your ideas are needed! Please consider joining the steering committee on March 12 and/or March 30.** (See times and locations below.)

With the addition of new neighbors Jaye and Wolfgang Lill to the community, planning is under way for a Lowell Days unlike any other! The two of them bring Event Planning and Project Management skills to the table, as well as a visionary approach that is inspiring to behold.

Taking a triple-themed approach of "Vibrant, Healthy and Friendly", Lowell Days will include the usual array of events – Parade, Booths, Children's Activities, etc. – along with a variety of other things like an opportunity to "Strut Your Stuff" as we Promenade along the River Trail, a possible Car Show at Rotary Park, and booths and activities that highlight "Downtown Lowell."

More information will be forthcoming, as Jaye walks the neighborhood over the next few weeks, accompanied by Jackie Minchew when possible, to meet with neighbors and share the vision.

The Core Steering Committee for Lowell Days held its first meeting in February and hopes to identify volunteers to be liaisons to various other groups. Liaisons would then join us for our next meetings on March 12, 6:30 PM at 5508 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and March 30, 6:30 PM at the Firewheel Community Coffeehouse, 2727 Colby Ave. The latter meeting will include the Core Committee, any Liaisons we have identified, and various Stakeholders who could organize certain aspects of the event as we Kick-Off the serious work before us.

Contact Jaye at 425-512-9040 or [jayelill@hotmail.com](mailto:jayelill@hotmail.com) or Jackie at 425-238-8657 or [jwmchew@aol.com](mailto:jwmchew@aol.com)

## **Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop Spring/Summer class schedule**

Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop is a local nonprofit - the Office of Neighborhoods forwarded this information to share with Everett neighbors.

### **Basic Bike Mechanics**

This is the perfect class for those wanting to learn how to keep their bicycle on the road. Classes cover:

- Basic bike care
- Flat tire repair
- Brake adjustment and pad replacement
- Derailleur shifting and adjustments

Bring your own bike or use one of ours, all tools are provided. \$35 must be prepaid to secure spot in class. 3 1/2 hour class. Call or come by to register.

Dates: (Pick one) March 11, 2015 6:00pm to 9:30pm (Wednesday Evening)

April 8, 6:00pm to 9:30pm (Wednesday Evening)

May 13, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm (Wednesday Evening)

June 24, 6:00pm to 9:30pm (Wednesday Evening)

### **Advanced Bike Mechanics**

This class is for those wanting to get into the heart and soul of their bike. Learn the parts of the bike and how to evaluate its' condition. Learn about the bearing systems and how to overhaul them. Demystify the cable systems and get your bike running smoothly. Bring your own bike or use one of ours, all tools are provided. \$100 must be prepaid to secure a spot in class. Class is limited to 4 students so sign up early. This is a 12 hour class. Call or come by to register.

Dates: April 15, 22, 29 May 6, 6:00pm to 9:00pm (Wednesday Evening)

July 8, 15, 22, 29 6:00pm to 9:00pm (Wednesday Evening)

**Sharing Wheels:** 2525 Broadway, Everett WA 98201, 425-252-6952, [www.sharingwheels.org](http://www.sharingwheels.org)

## **Minutes: January 26th Meeting**

7:00pm Call to order

A meeting of Lowell Civic Association was held at the Women's Shelter Office on January 26, 2015. In attendance were Jackie and Phyllis Minchew, Jaye and Wolfgang Lill, Ann Bustamante, Rory Alexander, Kathy Miller, Dale and Elaine Wilson, Neil and Linda Quist, Laura Wilson, Sharon and Don Layton, Gail Chism.

Re-arranged agenda to include mini-grants.

7:03 pm Approval of minutes

Minutes were distributed and adopted.

7:05 pm Moved to approve agenda.

Should be \$720 not \$70 for proof-reading.

Treasurer Report: E-mail says there was \$3,600 last week and \$3,000 given to him last night. There is enough money in account to pay Allison.

Moved to pay Allison Hicks for proof-reading \$720. Kathy will send her address to Jackie and will also express appreciation.

7:10pm By-Laws-Create member sub-committee to do comprehensive review. Financial Review Committee: Elaine Wilson, Megan Dunn, Ken Carlson. By-Laws Review Committee: Jackie Minchew, Dale Wilson, Phyllis Minchew (Handbooks)

7:15pm Attendees introduced.

7:25pm Mini-Grants –

Estimate \$500 for repairing A-boards.

Volunteer hours on attendance form. 2 hours per person.

\$1000 Lowell Days – Discussion on combining Lowell Days and Night Out Against Crime. Does Night Out have to be done on same day as National Night Out. Planning needs to start now. Needs leader. It will be 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August. Team: Jaye Lill, Gail Chism, Kathy Miller, Jackie Minchew, Wolfgang Lill.

\$500 Book launch in March. Celebration at Church. Team: Gail Chism, Jaye, Lill. Needs to be indoors with slide show. David Dilgard will be asked to speak at event.

7:50pm Elaine Wilson gave a report on the Puget Sound Near Shore Eco-System Restoration Project and provided a handout to participants for further research. There was discussion and explanations of possible changes in Lowell if an estuary is created where none had existed previously. There was discussion regarding letters to our Representatives.

8:00pm A Heraldnet article regarding the Simpson pad development was circulated. A meeting of the ~~Planning Commission~~ (correction: Shoreline Hearing) will be held Thursday 01/29/2015 at 9:00am in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the Wall Street Building.

8:20pm Gail Chism reported that the Firewheel Coffee Shop and Grow Washington in Snohomish are both selling the Lowell books and keeping 20% and 25%, respectively.

8:30pm Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Phyllis Minchew

### **Minutes: February 16, 2015 Special Meeting**

7:00pm Call to order: A meeting of Lowell Civic Association was held at the Women's Shelter Office on February 16, 2015. In attendance were Jackie and Phyllis Minchew, Jaye Lill, Kathy Miller, Dale and Elaine Wilson, Gail Chism, Elly Smith, Hunter Marshall, Kolton Allgood, Greg Tisdell, Lynn Tischner.

7:01 pm Moved to approve agenda.

7:02 pm Officer Estrada asked if there were any concerns. Discussion concerning mail theft being an on-going problem in the neighborhood. Officer Estrada recommended going to crimemapping.com website which details types of crimes in neighborhoods.

7:25 pm Moved to adopt January 26, 2015 minutes.

7:26 pm Jackie Minchew and Gail Chism will be Co-Chairs of the Book Launch Committee. Discussion concerning the number of volunteers needed, length and format for the event.

7:42 pm Jaye Lill and Jackie Minchew will be Co-Chairs of the Lowell Days/Neighborhood Safety Prevention Event. Jaye presented ideas for the event and there was discussion regarding details of the event which will be discussed in more detail in committee meetings.

8:30 pm Open Discussion – Hunter Marshall suggested that people be aware of litter in our neighborhood and dispose of properly.

8:54 pm Treasurer's report.

8:57 pm Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Phyllis Minchew